अल्पाहार प्रदान करने के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने हेतु राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर कोई योजना नहीं है, और न ही केंद्रीय सरकार के पास भविष्य में ऐसी योजना शुरू करने के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव है । दिनांक 21-7-93 के "दैनिक जागरण" के पृष्ठ 5 में प्रकाशित समाचार के संबंध में उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से सूचना प्राप्त की जा रही है ।

Status for Manipal Group of Educational Institutions of Karnataka

3379. SHRI N. GIRIPRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission (UGC) took a decision in January 1993 to grant 'deemed to be university' Status to the Manipal Group of Educational Institutions of Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem captioned 'UGC band over backwards for deemed university' appearing in the Statesman, Delhi edition of 4th June, 1993 in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The University Grants Commission has laid down guidelines for considering proposals for declaring institutions as Deemed-to-be Univeristy. The proposal of the Manipal Academy of Higher Education was considered by the University Grants Commission as per these guidelines. On the advice of the University Grants Commission, the Central Government has conferred the status of Deemed to be University on the Manipal Academy of Higher Education consisting of:—

(i) Kasturba Medical College, Manipal and associated teaching hospitals, Manipal;

(ii) Colleges of Dental Surgery, Manipal;

(iii) College of Nursing, Manipal;

(iv) Kasturba Medical College and associated teaching institutions, Mangalore; and

(v) College of Dental Surgery, Mangalore.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An expert Committee appointed by the Commission examined the proposal of the Manipal Academy of Higher Education for grant of deemed-to-be University status to it. The report of the Committee was accepted by the Commission which in turn recommended conferment of Deemed-to-be University status to it. The decision of the Government has been on objective consideration of the matter.

Dental of admission to Ignou Students in Delhi University

3380. SHRI N. GIRIPRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi University denied admission in Post Graduate course to students holding bachelors' degree certificate from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) on the ground that IGNOU is not in their list of recognised universities; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. The University of Delhi has informed that the Equivalence Committee of the University has approved the equivalence of B.A. (formal stream) and B. Com (formal steam) of IGNOU to B.A.(Pass) and B. Com (Pass) degrees of Delhi University respectively and the Vice-Chancellor has accorded his approval to this equivalence under his emergency powers.

(b) Does not arise.

Charge of old question paper

3381. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the old (past) Question papers of the X and XII examination of CBSE are being exhorbitantly charged;

(b) what was the rate charged earlier and being charged now; and

(c) why such a huge charge is allowed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE): (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) As per the information given by the CBSE, the Board used to sell its unused question papers of class X and class XII examinations at a minimum rate of Rs. 4/- per set before 1990. Since 1990-91, the authorised publisher of the CBSE has been selling the question papers in the form of a booklet after printing. The 1993 rates of the booklets are given below:—

Class		No. of Question Papers in the set	Rates
X		66	Rs. 35/
XII	Commerce Group	54	Rs. 28/
	Science Group	48	Rs. 20/
	Humanities Group	57	Rs. 23/

Apart from reprinting, the increase in number of question papers due to introduction of multiple sets has pushed up the price per set.

Pension to players

3382. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any programmes to allot pension to persons who have represented our nation in International Sports meets;

(b) if so, what are the plans and modalities of payments;

(c) whether Government are aware that even prominent cricketers are said to have been in the clutches of poverty and agony; and

(d) whether Government in such cases will come forward to award pension to them?

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